

REMARKS

To summarize the status of this application, claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-17 are pending. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Martin (U.S. Patent No. 1,806,075). Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over prior art Fig. 5 in view of Martin. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-17 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over prior art Fig. 5.

In response, the Applicants have canceled claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9 and have amended claims 10 and 12. The currently pending claims are claims 10-12 and 14-17. The amended claims now recite the "mounting plate defining a pair of raised, spaced-apart mounting surfaces," and "a pair of reinforcing ribs welded to the pair of mounting surfaces." The Martin reference does not disclose, teach or suggest the recited mounting plate defining raised mounting surfaces or the use of reinforcing ribs mounted to the mounting surfaces of the mounting plate in combination with the other recited features of the present invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of features recited in the pending claims are non-obvious over the known prior art.

All rejections and objections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

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